

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/724,495

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the Terminal Disclaimer and claim amendments of 4/8/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
  - \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, and 16 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The instantly claimed invention is allowable over the cited prior art in view of Applicant's remarks and the properly filed Terminal Disclaimer filed on 4/08/05. The Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the obviousness type double patenting rejection of US Patent 6,863,876. Furthermore, the instantly claimed invention overcomes the teachings of Takehara (US Patent 5,746,902). Takehara et al. discloses an improved electrolytic manganese dioxide having a BET specific surface of less than  $27 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  (see abstract). Takehara et al. also continues to disclose wherein the average particle diameter of the electrolytic manganese dioxide particles is 20 microns and 46 microns (col. 4, lines 53-56).

Takehara et al. fails to disclose a particulate manganese dioxide having micropores and meso-pores wherein the manganese dioxide simultaneously has a BET surface area between about 20 and  $31 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and a micropore area between about 8 and  $13 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  and an average meso-macro pore radius greater than 32 Angstroms, wherein the total porosity of the manganese dioxide based on the pores within the manganese dioxide is between  $0.035 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$  and  $0.060 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}$ , wherein the micropores are intraparticle pores having a diameter less than or equal to 20 Angstrom and the meso-macropores are pores having a diameter greater than 20 Angstrom.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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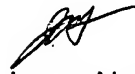
accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

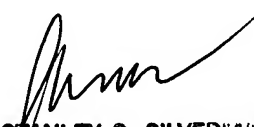
**Conclusion**

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonas N. Strickland whose telephone number is 571-272-1359. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 7:30-5:00, off 1st Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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